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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 05 June 2003.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
 c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: on record.

Identification of prior art discussed: On record.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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 Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Counsel explained how Arnold teaches away from the collagen being integrated in to the wound, because the latter is a gel, which is intended to be removed from the wound (eg. col. 4, line 62) and the instant collagen matrix is derived from a tissue material that allows for vacuum treatment as well as integration. Examiner suggested to amend the independent claims such that collagen matrix integrates in to the wound and also suggested to incorporate the structural aspect of collagen matrix "provides a 3-D scaffold structure" so that the matrix withstands the negative pressure applied. Examiner also suggested providing any data showing complete integration of the matrix. Applicants response to the outstanding office action and the arguments presented therein will be considered in determining the patentability. .